

# **Example**Five Signature Programs



The Parent Place



Partnership Project



Child Advancement Project



Girls for a Change



**Parent Liaison** 

Partnership



BOZEMAN

Successful children

**Best Practices** 

Parents and community as essential contributors

Respect

#### Five Strategies



#### Collaboration



#### Parent Engagement



#### Parent Education/Family Support





# Professional Development

#### Mentoring





# Child Advancement Project (CAP)

2011-2012 552 Matches

**8143 Hours** 

Service all Bozeman schools

"I have learned that kindness can make someone's day and that doing well in school is really important." - CAP Student

Goals
Academic
Social
Emotional

"I love school now before I hated it but I have changed in many ways. I am happy with who I have become." — CAP Student

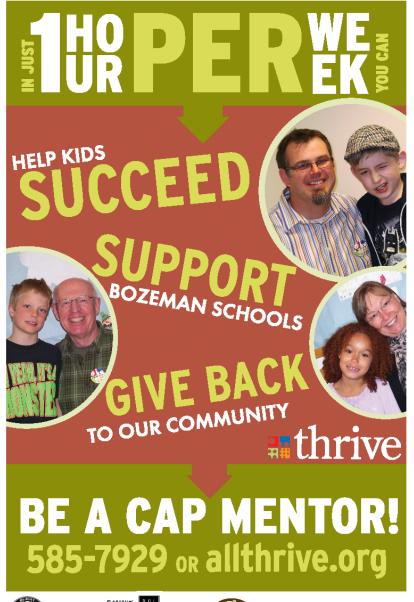
"My child's enjoyment of and motivation for attending school increased substantially this year." -CAP Parent



#### **Elements of Effective Practice**

Recruitment
Screening
Training
Matching
Monitoring & Support
Closure

#### RECRUITMENT



















#### Mentor Eligibility

18 years of age or older

Reasonable proximity

One school-year commitment

Available one hour a week

Complete the screening procedure

#### **Mentee Nomination**

Nominated by: school staff, parents or themselves

School adaptation

Academic performance

Social skills

**Family Dynamics** 

#### **Application**

Interview

Fingerprint background check

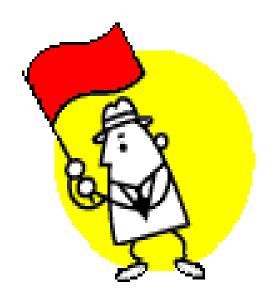
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**DFS Background check** 

Sexual/Violent offender registry

Local court reports

#### Screening



## Training

Knowledge
useful abilities:
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3 hour orientation in fall

Personal meeting on first day

2 hour mid-year

#### Matching

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## Supervision



#### **Communicating with School Staff**

Staff meetings

Student Success Meetings

Direct in-person contact



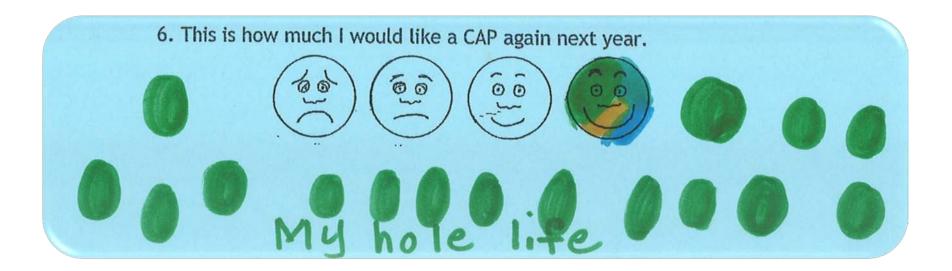
# What Do Teachers Say About CAP?

"Another resource for teachers and students to be successful."



"I appreciate the 'quality' of mentors! So reliable and dedicated! You make it easy on us – the set up and monitoring throughout the year."

## **Evaluation**



#### **National Research on Mentoring**

## Dr. Jean Rhodes

rhodeslab.org

#### Dr. Michael Karcher

adolescentconnectedness.com

"Youth are five times more likely to graduate if they have a meaningful relationship with an adult." (Michigan Dropout Prevention Summit 2008)

"Students who feel connected to their school are also more likely to have better academic achievement, including higher grades and test scores, have better attendance, and stay in school longer." (Journal of School Health 2004)

"Students who meet regularly with their mentors are 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and 37% less likely to skip a class." (Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters)

## Research on CAP Mentoring by Dr. Janet Gordon, Senior Researcher

"Given the elevated level of risk associated with high rates of absenteeism and disruptive behavior (CAP) can make a difference in the lives of at-risk students."

"Participation in (CAP) was related to better school attendance and fewer behavioral problems across all grade levels."

"The results from this study indicate that students who participated in (CAP) had significantly fewer unexcused absences from school than students who did not participate."

# 2011-2012 Noticeable Academic Improvements

85% in reading

85% in math

82% in written skills



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